

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

March 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Mss. Fullwood, Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Lilac.

ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino, Mr. Royster

The work session began at 7:05 pm and ended at 8:15 pm.

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Royster, Lilac, Solicitor Evashavik.

ABSENT Dr. Pustorino, Mr. Syska

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Baburich, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to approve for payment of the bills for the month after being properly countersigned. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Baburich, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

For the month of February, there were 25, 911 calls and 164 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

3- Domestic

3- Med unit assists

3- Alarm calls

2- Juvenile complaints

There were no questions from Council.

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SOLICITOR

No report.

Mr. Hoover advised that he has been in contact with the game commission and Sol. Evashavik about drafting an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer in the borough. Mr. Lilac asked if there was already an ordinance and Mr. Hoover explained that Chalfant does not currently have an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer or wildlife.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Hoover advised the Annual Report of Occupancy document has been mailed to all residents and property owners to be completed and returned.

Mr. Hoover advised the Newsletter has also been mailed to residents; he explained that they contain a lot of helpful information for 2020 and urged residents to please read them.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Baburich advised that there were four occupancy inspections in February, two passed and two failed.

There were 13 violations on three properties in February, all three properties were on North Avenue.

Ms. Baburich noted there were 35 complaints resolved in February.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hoover advised that Mr. Syska met with Mr. Theilacker regarding the hillside on North Ave. and the situation is being closely monitored.

Mr. Hoover explained that Mr. Syska got the grant applications for the LED Street Light Replacement Program through Duquesne Light. Council would like to have another set of streets converted to LEDs.

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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood advised that she has no report but that she and Ms. Schwoegl are going to put the garbage dumped in the municipal lot out for refuse pickup this week.

Mr. Hoover advised that he would like to work with Ms. Fullwood to start putting together a list of storm sewers for rehabilitation this year. He advised that 60-70 percent of the storm sewers in the borough have already been rehabilitated and that they are easily distinguished from the old storm sewers by the top of the sewer.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there were four calls to the Chalfant VFC in February. He read a detailed narrative of each call and the number of members attending.

Mr. Royster advised that his regular meeting with the VFC was pushed back this month to March 14. He will let Council know of any urgent matters and will give a full report at the next meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that the park is now open. Most of the park rehabilitation has been completed but there are still a few minor things outstanding. Mr. Lilac and his wife are planning on doing the planting for the new flower bed at the park; they will also help Ms. Baburich with the flowers for the Memorial on North Ave.

Mr. Lilac explained that he has a correction to make to a motion from February to pay the invoice from Sport and Recreation Associates. Borough Engineer Robert Zischkau submitted a revised invoice with an increased retainer following the February meeting.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Fullwood, to pay the revised invoice of \$63,245.75 (instead of the initial amount of \$67,045.75.) Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lilac explained he needs to correct the motion from February to transfer the amount of the invoice from the Sewer Line Fund to General Fund Checking to temporarily cover the expense.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$63,245.75 (instead of the initial amount of \$67,045.75) to cover the expense of the revised invoice from Sports and Recreation. Motion was unanimous. This money will be transferred back into the Sewer Line Fund once grant reimbursement is received.

Mr. Lilac thanked Mr. Hoover and Ms. Schwoegl for their help with the project. Mr. Hoover thanked Mr. Lilac for all of his work on finalizing the details of the rehabilitation.

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WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised that there were four calls to WHEMS in February. He read the dates and a detailed narrative of the incidents.

CRIME WATCH

No report

TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Donahue thanked Dr. Pustorino for publishing the tax collection information to the website and Newsletter. She noted that people are reading the information posted and responding.

Ms. Baburich asked if information regarding the Homestead Act has been published for residents. Ms. Donahue advised that the Homestead Act only applies to school taxes, not borough taxes and that she will post about it in May or June to inform residents.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Michael Donahue, 110 Greenfield, said he's happy that Council is considering an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer but he's wondering if there's anything else that can be done about the deer in the borough. Mr. Donahue explained that the deer have been a problem in Chalfant for years and the issue continues to get worse. Mr. Hoover advised that Council working with the Game Commission to consider options and he's going to discuss the matter further this evening under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover advised that former resident, Trinity Cioppa, a WHHS senior, has been selected to participate in the 63rd Big 33 High School Football Classic Cheerleading Squad, which is also known as the "High School Super Bowl." It is an elite group of cheerleaders who were chosen because they will make a major contribution to the success of Big 33 on May 25, 2020. Ms.

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Cioppa is asking for donations in the amount of \$50.00 from all of the municipalities that make up the WHSD to cover the associated costs of participating in the Big 33 High School Super Bowl. Mr. Hoover noted that Ms. Cioppa is the first student from Woodland Hills to be invited to participate.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Baburich, to donate \$50.00 to the Big 33 for Trinity Cioppa. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover explained that the Tri-COG Land Bank intends to put one of their acquisitions, 224 Highland Ave., on the private market and get it back on the tax roll.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Baburich, to approve the disposition of 224 Highland Ave. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover explained that April 1 is the start date for the contract with WHEMS which dedicated .5 mills of borough taxes to WHEMS in exchange for coverage for all residents.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Fullwood, to pay WHEMS \$12,391.13. Motion was unanimous.

Mayor Perry explained that he met with Gary Silversmith about the Westinghouse property; he has another developer interested in purchasing the property with the intent to build residential housing. Mayor Perry advised that Mr. Silversmith met with the DEP and they inspected the property for visible violations. Ms. Fullwood asked what kind of housing is being considered? Mayor Perry explained that he isn't sure but would assume townhomes and said it would be an enhancement for the borough. There is good potential for the site as there's a direct corridor to the East End and companies such as Google in East Liberty, where housing is becoming limited and expensive. Mayor Perry is hoping to work with the developer and Forest Hills Borough to keep the project moving forward.

Mr. Hoover explained that he has been in contact with representatives from the Game Commission to discuss options for dealing with the deer in the borough. The Game Commission advised that the first step to getting the problem under control is an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer. Mr. Hoover explained that deer are attracted to bird feed and the ordinance will require residents to elevate their birdfeeders. A discussion ensued between members of Council regarding the deer issues; Mr. Hoover advised that Council will meet with the Game Commission and weigh all options.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

